

EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
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GENERAL MEETING
EAST N.O.REGIONAL LIBRARY
5641 Read Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70127
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.
MINUTES

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	P	Romona Baudy , 1 st Vice President
P	Brenda Jackson, 2 nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Ed Blouin, Member At Large	P	Joan Heisser, Member At Large
		P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Call to order/Roll Call. Meeting called to order by President, Sylvia Scineaux Richard at 5:37 p.m. After roll call, we had a quorum.

II. Special Guests. Shannon Cvitanovic---Director, YMCA Educational Services.

III. Approval of Agenda. Comm. Carter made a motion to accept the agenda for July General meeting and Comm. Denesse seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

IV. Review and Approval of General Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2014. The June minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to computer problems.

V. Review and approval of Treasurer’s Report. The treasurer’s report was read by Comm. Karol Sanders and copies passed out to all CAB and Board members.

Treasurer’s report from June 11, 2014-July 8, 2014
 Begin Bal. -----\$13,334.30
 Donations -----\$ 101.00
 Total-----\$13,435.30
 Expenses-----\$ 1,535.00
 Ending Bal. -----\$11,900.30

Comm. Busby made motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Comm. Carter seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections.

VI. New Business

A. Shannon Cvitanovic, the director of YMCA Educational Services has a YMCA Adult Education Program. They have adult literacy classes in N. O. East at the Library on Read. Adults having trouble with reading and math from ages 26-44 years old and want a High School Diploma or want to take a placement test for Delgado are welcome to attend these classes. The classes are not a GED class but are HI Set which is a new test for High School Diploma. This is an 8 week program and there is no cost. The classes are on Monday - Thursday from 4:00 - 6:30 P.M. There is a 3 hour test to start the class to help determine your status. They only have evening classes now on the 2nd floor of the Read Rd. Library. YMCA helps to answer all your educational questions. After every 40 hrs. you are given a test and it is posted to see the results. Their test is a TAB test and cannot be used for College. They have a 5k Fun Run

at the end of the year to support the YMCA programs. It will be on December 6, 2014 at City Park. They will send more details.

VII. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Education Committee: Comm. Penny said that there was a meeting about Sherwood Forest School last Tuesday at her house. Her Subdivision is not happy with the plans for the school because of the size, scale and the amount of traffic it will bring to their area.

Yesterday Scineaux-Richard got a call from Dana Peterson about the educational problems in the East. He asked ENONAC to give them until August to get with everyone about their concerns with the schools in the East. The major problem is the size of the schools that are being built in our neighborhoods and the corresponding density and bus traffic it will cause in the neighborhood. If any neighborhood has concerns let the education committee know so that they can be addressed. Comm. Denesse said that one way signs are being worked on for her subdivision due to the large school being built there.

Reed School is going to be a swing school which means that any school that needs it can use it. Comm. Ed Blouin's neighborhood/Subdivision is working to get it back to a community school for their area. All streets surrounding the new schools should be concrete and not asphalt. Busses will destroy the streets. Drivers are speeding through the neighborhoods. NOPD is working on this and transportation has been notified and citations will be given to drivers. Get the name of the bus company and have them come to talk to the residents in the East.

2. HLUZ Committee:

a. **ZD 044/14**—ABO permit request for 9232 Chef Menteur Hwy. reconsideration by City Council on Thursday, July 10, 2014 @ 11:00 a.m. According to Erin Spears from Councilman Gray's office, it will probably be deferred but she will contact Sylvia and let her know if it is deferred.

b. Levy Gardens (Comfort Inn Proposal), per Mr. Klein; they are proposing to build a hotel on the property behind the Pat Swilling Center on the land that they originally planned for rental complexes. Mr. Klein had in-compromise proposed a retail location. He notified us that a Comfort Inn is now being proposed for that site.

On Morrison Rd. at Martin Dr. and bank on Morrison and Crowder they are parking dump trucks and 18 wheelers on the properties.

3. Blight Committee - Dawn is addressing the blight problems in Little Woods Area and Sherwood Forest. Comm. Penny went to the blight meeting and they are working on her problems. In the Little Woods neighborhood they are having problems with trash cars and dump trucks parking in the neighborhood. Dawn has driven thru the area and will work with them on their issues. There is a rumor that a waste-to-energy company, like Sun Energy, wants to locate to the East. We cannot seem to get any information on the waste-to-energy company coming in the East. Councilman Gray said that he does not have any names of a company at this time that is working on this type of company. Councilman Gray said that the Little Woods Area is considered the worst neighborhood in the East with Crime, Robbery, blight and trash cars. He said that N O East last year was under ¼ of the murders in the city.

B. CAB Orientation - Everyone said that they felt that the retreat was great and they really enjoyed it. Our focus should be what we want to accomplish in the future for the East.

C. Neighborhood Leaders Roundtable - Comm. Blouin gave an overview of the last Neighborhood Leadership Roundtable held at Lakeview Christian Center on June 21. The overall conclusion at the workshop was that lack of revenue is our citywide biggest problem. Rep. Brossett said that he would work with the State to help direct some of the tax revenues back to the City of New Orleans.

VIII. Community Information

A. Gulf Guardian Fellowship Program is on August 8, 2014 and is an 18 month program.

B. United Way Community Conversation ---Mary Ambrose – United Way of Southeast La. is hosting a series of Community Conversations throughout our 7 parish service area (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington throughout the summer. The two hour conversation is made of no more than 15 participants and presents an opportunity for us to better understand our aspirations for our community. They want us to tell them our concerns and what we think might make a difference in strengthening our community. If you would like to host a Community Conversation in your neighborhood please contact Brenda Valteau at 504 512 9501.

IX. Announcements

Scineaux-Richard stated there will be a soft opening of the New Orleans East Hospital on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. The Grand Opening is scheduled for August 20, 2014.

X. Adjournment

Having no more business, Comm. Busby made a motion to adjourn meeting and Comm. Daste seconded. After the vote, the motion passed with no objections. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lydia Leon
Secretary